REPORT NO. CS-311/00275-73

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COUNTRY LACS/NORTH VIETNAM

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LATE JULY 1971

SUBJECT

SIGHTING OF FIVE U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR IN SOUTHERN LAOS:

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VIETNAM, SAIGON (21 DECEMBER 1972)

SOURCE

AT 1200 HOURS ONE DAY IN LATE JULY 1971, WHO WAS INFILTRATING SOUTH VIETNAM (SVN) BY WAY OF THE 559TH COMMO-LIAISON ROUTE, OBSERVED FIVE UNITED STATES (U.S.) PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) FOR ABOUT 40 MINUTES WHILE THE POW'S WERE EATING LUNCH AT COMMO-LIAISON STATION 64 IN SOUTHERN LAGS ON THE 559TH COMMO-LIAISON ROUTE. THE POW'S WERE ESCORTED BY 12 SOLDIERS WHO WERE ARMED WITH AX-47 ASSAULT RIFLES. THE ESCORT SOLDIERS TOLD

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THAT THE POW'S HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN THE VICE
AREA AND THAT THEY WERE TRAVELLING TO NORTH VICE
COMMENT: THE VIET CONG B-3 FRONT CONSISTS OF KCM: ".
AND DARLAC PROVINCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM.) THE POWER AND THEY DID NOT HAVE ANY VISIBLE WOUNDS.

- 2. ONE POW WAS A NEGRO ABOUT 25 YEARS CLD. HE WILL BO KILOS, WAS ABOUT 1.70 METERS TALL, AND WAS WEARING LAR. PAJAMAS AND BOOTS.
- 3. ANOTHER POW WAS A CAUCASIAN ABOUT 25 YEARS CLC.

 A HUSKY BUILD, WAS ABOUT 1.30 METERS TALL, AND WEIGHED ABOUT.

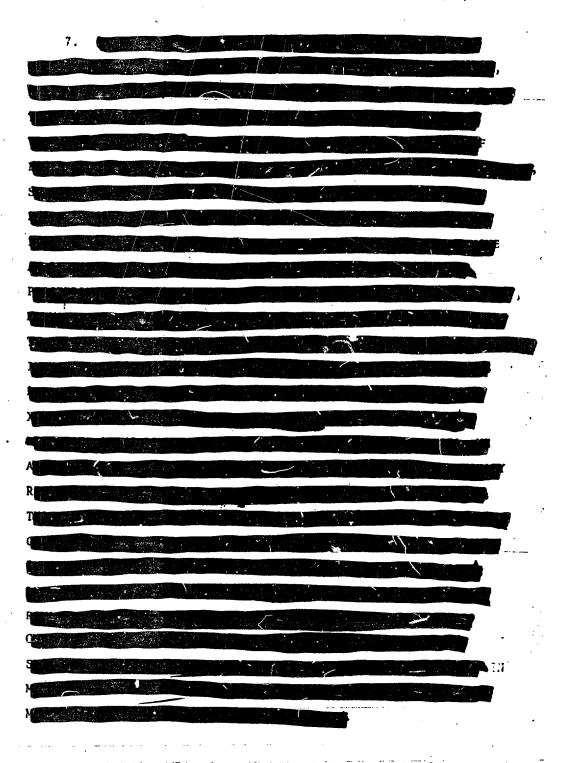
 KILOS. HE HAD HAZEL EYES, A RUDDY COMPLEXION, BROWN FAIR AND WEARING A GREEN UNIFORM AND BOOTS.
- A. THE OTHER THREE POW'S WERE CAUCASIANS WITH SIMILAR FOR THE EACH BEING ABOUT 1.70 METERS TALL AND WEIGHING ABOUT 75 KILCT.

 ONE POW WAS WEARING A GREEN UNIFORM AND THE OTHER TWO WERE LIRED IN BLACK PAJAMAS. ALL THREE WERE WEARING BLACK BOOTS.
- RECOVERY CENTER (JPRC) "ALBUM OF MISSING AND CAPTURED PERSONNEL
 IN SOUTHEAST ASIA" AND IDENTIFIED PHOTO NO. C141 ON PAGE 1 & 472
 AS RESEMBLING THE NEGRO POW; PHOTO NO. G630 ON PAGE 1 A 103 & C
 RESEMBLING THE HUSKY POW; AND PHOTOS NO. B686 ON PAGE 1 A 193,
 S667 ON PAGE 1 A 193, AND NO. C683 ON PAGE 1 A 152 AS
 RESEMBLING THE THREE POW'S WHO HAD SIMILAR BUILDS.)
- WITH JPRC WHICH MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS: SCREENING OF JFRC RECORDS INDICATES THAT BEFORE THE DATE OF SIGHTING, FROM 30 TO 42 INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN LOST IN THE AREA MENTIONED. SEVERAL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED AND OTHERS ARE BELIEVED TO BE HELD CAPTIVE BECAUSE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THEIR DISAPPEARANCES.)

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